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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN AND ECOWAS DELEGATIONS TO AGOA FORUM

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[1](#)1. The Nigerian Ministry of Commerce and Industry has notified Embassy that its delegation to the AGOA Forum in Washington will be led by Minister of State for Commerce and Industry (MCI) - Ahmed Garba Bichi. The total delegation is composed of 28 members from government, the private sector and civil society. The eight person official delegation includes:

- Oluwole Rotimi, Nigeria's Ambassador to the U.S.
- Badeji A. Abikoye, MCI Trade Director Badeji A Abikoye.
- Aliyu M. Lawal, Acting Executive Director of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council.
- Usman A. Kawu, MCI Chief Commercial Officer for AGOA.
- Adeyemo G. Olubanike, Deputy Comptroller of the Nigerian Customs Service.
- Sidi Aliyu Abdullahi, Nigerian Export Promotion Council.
- Owaiye A Robert, Deputy Director, SMEDAN

[1](#)2. ECOWAS has notified Embassy that Alfred Mahamadu Braimah, Director of the Private Sector Office will be the sole ECOWAS representative at the AGOA Forum.

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